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1. MEDIA HAVE CONTINUED TO SPECULATE ABOUT REASONS
FOR AMBASSADOR WARREN'S ANNOUNCED DEPARTURE FROM
WASHINGTON IN NEAR FUTURE (REFTEL). FEB 17 MONTREAL
GAZETTE, UNDER HEADLINE "AMBASSADOR TO US OUSTED
AFTER CLASH WITH TRUDEAU," ALLEGES THAT WARREN
WAS MIFFED THAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM PM'S OFFICE
(PARTICULARLY FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR IVAN HEAD)
HAVE BEEN DEALING DIRECTLY WITH WHITE HOUSE
OFFICIALS WHILE IGNORING WARREN AND CANADIAN EMBASSY
WASHINGTON.

2. CITING SUCH PRESS SPECULATION, OPPOSITION IN
COMMONS ATTACKED GOVERNMENT FOR INEPTITUDE AND
POSSIBLE ADVERSE EFFECTS WHICH UNTIMELY NOTICE
COULD HAVE ON TRUDEAU VISIT TO WASHINGTON, EXTAFF
MINISTER JAMIESON REJOINED THAT RMORS OF FRICTION
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WITH WARREN WERE "TOTALLY GROUNDLESS AND WITHOUT
FOUNDATION". TRUDEAU, SPEAKING TO PRESS IN TORONTO,
LABELLED THE GAZETTE STORY "AN ABSOLUTE, TOTAL,
COMPLETE FABRICATION".

3. MEANWHILE, AN EXTAFF SPOKESMAN HAS TOLD PRESS
THAT WARREN OFFICIALLY RETIRED PRIOR TO DEC 31,

1976, TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF INCREASED PENSION RIGHTS,
AND THAT HE HAD AGREED TO REMAIN AS AMBASSADOR UNTIL
ONLY MID-JULY.

4. COMMENT: PRIVATELY, GOC OFFICIALS HAVE DEPLORED
UNTIMELINESS OF LEAK CONCERNING WARREN'S DEPARTURE,
BUT THEY INSIST - AND EMBASSY IS INCLINED TO AGREE -
THAT WARREN'S DEPARTURE HAD BEEN FORESEEN FRO SOME-
TIME AND DOES NOT REFLECT FRICTION BETWEEN THE
AMBASSADOR AND PRIME MINISTER OR ANY SENIOR GOC
OFFICIALS. AS FOR FREE-WHEELING OF IVAN HEAD, WHILE
CAUSING SOME HEARTBURN TO EXTAFF AND CANADIAN EMBASSIES,
IT HAS BEEN AN ACCEPTED PHENOMENON FOR AS LONG AS HE
HAS BEEN IN THE JOB.
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